

Supreme Court Rejects Attack On Parochial Pupil Busing

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP)—The United States Supreme Court refused to reopen the question of the constitutionality of bus rides at public expense for pupils attending nonpublic, nonprofit schools, including schools that are church-related.

The justices denied appeals in two cases challenging a Pennsylvania law that requires free bus transportation for nonpublic school pupils under certain circumstances.

The two similar cases earlier were heard jointly by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which in a 5-2 decision upheld the constitutionality of the law in question.

In 1965 the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted a law requiring public school boards to provide free rides for nonpublic school pupils when such rides are provided for public school pupils.

Such transportation as prescribed by the law is limited to "established public school routes." More specifically, the

law reads, "Such pupils shall be transported to and from the point or points on such routes nearest or most convenient to the schools the pupils attend."

The legislative intent of the Pennsylvania General Assembly was set forth in the 1965 law. Its stated purpose is to provide "for health, welfare and safety of children."

Attorney for the Montgomery County Pa. case (Rhoades v. School District of Abington Township) was Franklin C. Salisbury of Washington, D.C.

Attorneys for the Delaware County, Pa. case (Worrell v. Waters) were William P. Thorn, Philadelphia, Marvin Karparkin of the New York Civil Liberties Union, and Leo

Pfeffer, a New York constitutional lawyer.

The Delaware County case was denied by the Supreme Court without comment.

The Montgomery county case was dismissed "for want of a substantial federal question" in an 8-1 decision. Justice William O. Douglas said that he favored a hearing of the issue.

Salisbury posed six major questions before the Supreme Court. In summary, they asserted that free rides at public expense for parochial school pupils are in effect tax aid to the churches that operate the schools. Therefore, he charged, the Pennsylvania law violated the establishment of religion prohibition. (Continued On Page 5)

TV 'Dirty' Movies Attacked

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—The editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger here has initiated a campaign against "dirty movies" on television. Jack Gritz, in an editorial in the weekly state-wide Baptist paper, attacked the telecast of the movie "Never on Sunday" and urged his readers to write protest letters against use of this film and others like it on television.

"Never On Sunday" was telecast as the National Broadcasting Co. selection for "Saturday Night at the Movies" (Sept. 30).

In the editorial, Gritz called it "one of the dirtier movies of recent years (although an Academy Award winner)" charging that it glorifies prostitution "as a legitimate profession."

The editor also mailed copies of his editorial with a cover letter to numerous religious leaders asking them to join him "in an effort to keep 'dirty' movies off television."

"Never On Sunday" was an affront to the nation and a challenge to Christian people everywhere," he wrote. "Tom Jones" is scheduled next. Can we stop it?"

The editorial observed that something new happened when "Never On Sunday" was telecast. In recent years, only "general" or "family" films have been telecast by the networks. Now the networks are beginning to show "dirty" movies.

The question immediately arises: "Was this a test of public opinion to see if there would be a public reaction to the showing of 'Adult Entertainment' on television?" If so, will there be?" asked the editorial.

Although stating that the National Broadcasting Co.,

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Wallace Johnson Honored For Use Of The Bible

NEW YORK (BP)—Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns of America and a Southern Baptist layman, was honored here for his influence on American life through use of the Bible.

Johnson was presented a citation from the Laymen's National Committee, Inc., at an awards luncheon co-sponsored by the American Bible Society.

Johnson, a member of Union Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, was recognized "for his accomplishments in educating ministers through his foundation, for his open Bible policy in Holiday Inn rooms, and for his influence on millions through his use of the Bible and prayer in his personal and business life."

Former Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman were also to receive awards, both for service to God and country and to the cause of world peace, but they were not to be present at the luncheon.

Other awards were to go to Louis Hartman of Catholic University in Washington, D. C., to Vice Admiral William F. Raborn Jr. (USN-Retired), and to Oxford University Press of New York.

Johnson and his partner, Kemyns Wilson head the world's largest motel chain, Holiday Inns of America, which now includes more than 900 inns in 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas.

Johnson is active in 75 other (Continued On Page 5)

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200 Baptists Confer On Role In Meeting Human Needs



VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO BAPTISTS: Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey (lower left) is introduced to about 200 Baptists attending the annual Religious Liberty Conference in Washington by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs which sponsored the conference. (BP) Photo

WASHINGTON (BP)—Two hundred Baptist leaders from 31 states, the District of Columbia and Canada and from eight denominations conferred here three days on "The Role of the Christian Through Church and State in Human Welfare."

This was the 11th annual Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs of which C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

James M. Sapp, director of the conference, explained that the report of any consensus of opinion that may have been achieved was not authoritative or binding on any denomination or denominational group. The views expressed, he explained, are relayed to the Baptist Joint Committee for help in future policy discussion.

"The motivation of welfare is rooted in the Christian's relationship to God," one section of the conference declared. "God's purposes are realized through the Christian's response, in love, to human need," it said.

Series Training Union Meets Set

A series of five Baptist Training Union Leadership Conferences will be held in the state Oct. 30-Nov. 3.

Directing the events will be Kermit S. King, director of the Training Union Department sponsor.

Mr. King said that in addition to the usual leadership conferences offered each year that special emphasis would be given to work with the mentally retarded and vocational guidance.

Special conferences will also be held for new workers, experienced workers, pastors and Training Union directors.

Mrs. Doris Monroe, editor, Primary Materials, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will lead the conference on Work With the Mentally Retarded while the conference on Vocational Guidance will be directed by Lee Garner, consultant, Vocational Guidance Program, Nashville.

Regular leadership conferences will be held for those who work with the various age groups, as follows:

General officers: Mr. King and John B. Lane, South Carolina Training Union secretary; adults, Bill Latham, associate in State Training Union Department; young people, Mrs. John B. Lane; intermediate, Mrs. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, approved worker; Junior, Norman Rodgers, associate in Training

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Pennsylvania, Jersey Plan Convention

MONROEVILLE, Pa. (BP) Members of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Fellowship meeting here voted to set 1970 as the target for organizing a Southern Baptist state convention in their area.

The action came after reports were delivered indicating a 27 per cent increase in the number of churches and chapels, and a 28 per cent increase in church membership during the past year.

The Fellowship reported 65 congregations (churches and missions) with 5,632 members.

Minimum requirements for financial assistance from Southern Baptist Convention agencies in the establishment of a new state convention are

for 70 congregations and 10,000 members.

A time-table and step-by-step plan was adopted by the fellowship leading up to establishment of the new state convention in 1970.

Appointment of four committees was approved as one step in the preparation. Committees to be appointed are: personnel and staff, constitution and bylaws, budget and finance, and office location.

It recommended setting up a central office in 1969 as another preparatory step, and authorized securing a consultant in religious education to work with the churches between now and the time the convention would be organized.

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THE Convention's newest Baptist Book Store was dedicated on the New Orleans Seminary campus, October 5. The store is the only one of its kind serving both the community and a seminary.

Seminary Marks Founders Week

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Baptist Seminary was host to more than 200 leaders from government, education, business, and religion at its Community Tribute Banquet

on the Seminary campus October 3.

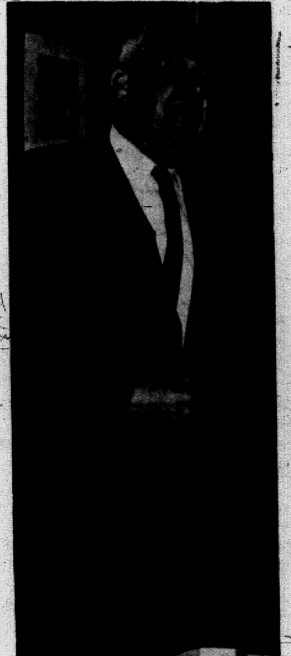
The banquet highlighted the first day of Founders Week, celebrating the Seminary's fifty years of service to the Southern Baptist Convention and the New Orleans area.

Speaker for the occasion was Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. from North Carolina. Addressing the noticeably ecumenical group on the subject of religious liberty, Ervin said, "we will do well to remember that a nation which ignores the lessons history teaches is doomed to repeat the tragic mistakes of the past."

"Let us pray that America may not do this in respect to the church and state relationships." There cannot be the slightest doubt that the First Amendment reflects the philosophy that church and state should be separated. Erwin is co-sponsor of a judicial review bill which passed the Senate in April and is now in the House Judiciary Committee. The bill would permit a test of the constitutionality of certain legislation before it becomes law.

He said, "The need for judicial review of the constitutionality under the First Amendment of Federal tax moneys cannot be ignored by any man who believes the First Amendment ought to be a living principle of government rather than a scrap of dead parchment."

Representatives of various religious faiths were present as well as representatives of the institutions of higher education in New Orleans, the acting mayor of the city, a



SENATOR Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina speaking at the Seminary during Founders Week.

spokesman for the Chamber of Commerce, and other dignitaries.

Dr. Albert L. McClellan, Program Planning Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has challenged Baptist seminaries to lead the Convention in a new approach to meeting the spiritual needs of a new American generation.

Speaking at the Denominational Tribute Banquet at the (Continued On Page 5)

REPORT SAYS

Downtown Churches Not Meeting Needs

NASHVILLE (BP)—A two-year study of 114 Southern Baptist churches in downtown areas of cities with 100,000 population or more has disclosed that the vast majority are not ministering to the needs of the people in the downtown area.

Results of the study, conducted jointly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board metropolitan missions department and the Baptist Sunday School Board church administration department, were released to the annual Southern Baptist Communications Conference here.

The present church programs are not adequate in reaching and ministering to the people in the present inner-city area," declared the 250-page book reporting data of the study.

The downtown church is

not meeting the challenges of the problems of poverty, mobility of members, loss of neighborhood pride, crime and delinquency, health conditions, and personal maladjustment," said the printed report.

Statistical data supporting this conclusion included such facts as: 82.8 per cent of the churches answering the survey offer no ministry to Negro Baptists; 78.4 per cent do not offer family counseling; 88.2 per cent do not offer a child care clinic; 95.6 per cent offer no medical care; 96.7 per cent offer no pediatric counseling; and 82.4 per cent offer no psychological counseling.

In addition, 63.4 per cent of the churches do not have literacy, remedial reading, of language study classes, and (Continued On Page 5)

A Report From Brazil

By William F. Davis
Director
Department of Work with
National Baptists

When I was a college freshman I heard Mary McLeod Bethune say, "You can do and be anything you wish if you are willing to sacrifice and achieve. Always remember that you are what you believe you are. I say to you that the ground on which you stand is holy ground. I with God's help make it so." I have believed and tried to practice these words. With God's help, I have tried to make the ground on which I stand holy ground. This has kept me in close touch with God as it has given me a vital

awareness of the living Christ in me, the hope of victory. It inspired me to believe that within less than a month I could enlist seven preachers and be with them on a crusade for Christ in Brazil. Such was my feeling on July 31, 1967, when Rev. Amelio Giannetta, a Southern Baptist missionary, Sao Paulo, Brazil, gave me the invitation of the Evangelism Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention to organize a team of Negro Baptist pastors to work with Brazilian Baptists in September as one phase of their Crusade of the Americas for Christ.

Dr. Ruben Lopes, president of the Evangelism Board of

the Brazilian Baptist Convention, had launched the idea of a Crusade of the Americas for Christ two years earlier. Then in March of this year he had suggested inviting a team of Negro pastors from North America to come to Brazil in September. In its full meeting the Evangelism Board authorized the invitation. Seventeen Brazilian Baptist Conventions voted to invite a team of Negro pastors from North America to come to Brazil in September to work with them in an evangelistic campaign. But all efforts to enlist a team had been futile.

After attending a meeting, (Continued On Page 5)

The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Thank You!

The editor would express his personal thanks to each of you who had a part in providing the travel trailer for use by Rev. Leroy Smith, area missionary for the state of Montana.

Last spring the Baptist Record set for itself the task of raising \$2,000, to be added to a special gift of \$1,000 which already had been made by a Mississippian, to provide a travel trailer for use by Mr. Smith in his Montana mission work.

An appeal was made through the Baptist Record and the gifts came in from all over the state. Late in June when it was evident that the total sum would be raised, Mr. Smith purchased the trailer and put it into service. Throughout the summer and early fall it has been used in ministry to the churches, revivals, establishing new missions, serving at the state assembly, and in other ways.

About three weeks ago the final check was sent to bring the total gift to \$3,000. A letter from Mr. Smith thanking all of those who had part already has been published, and now we join him in saying "thank you" to all who helped bring this mission project to a successful completion.

Every person who has given to the fund will have a personal share in Montana mission work for years to come, for this trailer is built to last for many years. The Baptist Record rejoices that it has had opportunity to have a little part in this program.

Dirty Movies On Television

Jack L. Gritz, in Baptist Messenger (Okla.)

One of the truly great inventions of the Twentieth Century is the modern picture. The sound motion picture has become an important medium of entertainment and a valuable tool of education. In the entertainment field for a long time we have had dirty movies. It seems that since World War II there has been a

gradual lowering of standards and films have gotten worse and worse. For example, an Oklahoma City drive-in theater recently advertised the following three titles for an evening of entertainment: "Night of Love," "London in the Raw" and "Bad Girls Go To Hell." Such pictures are labeled by the producers, distributors and exhibitors as "Adult Entertainment," meaning simply that they are not fit for children and young people to see.

Today we have a modern miracle called television. This marvelous gadget brings the happenings of the world, the news of the day, outstanding sports events and many kinds of entertainment directly into your home. In recent years motion pictures have become a staple part of the television diet, several being shown each week on the networks. Until a few days ago these had been "general" or "family" films, suitable in the main for all the family to watch although differing greatly in quality.

But something new happened on Saturday night, Sept. 30. One of the dirtier movies of recent years (although an academy award winner) is "Never on Sunday." On Sept. 30 this was the National Broadcasting Company selection for "Saturday Night at the Movies" and was shown from 8 to 10 p. m. (Central Standard Time). The picture was shown by WKY-TV in the Oklahoma City area and KVOO in the Tulsa area, and was also seen by many other Oklahomans on other stations such as those at Wichita and Dallas. This film, first released in 1960, was fully advertised in the newspapers and in TV-Guide for what it is. No punches were pulled.

The question immediately arises: "Was this a test of public opinion to see if there would be a public reaction to the showing of 'Adult Entertainment' on television?" If so, will there be?

Before WKY showed the picture an announcement was made and a note flashed on the screen that said: "This picture is not recommended for children and youth." That might go down as the understatement of the year. The picture was certainly not suitable for children, young people—or adults—on a home television screen.

"Never on Sunday" is a film glorifying prostitution. The heroine is a prostitute and prostitution is treated repeatedly as a legitimate "profession." Adultery and fornication are made to appear perfectly normal and acceptable as ways of life. (These happen to be against the law in Oklahoma and most other states.) Incidentally, profanity is used by the hero of the picture and, of course, was included in the presentation. The heroine, as has been said, is a prostitute—and a leader of prostitutes. The title refers to the fact

that the prostitutes in this particular city of Piraeus in Greece entertain their men visitors only on week days and nights and "Never on Sunday," which is for them a holiday.

The hero, an American, tries to reform the heroine and fails. In the end he says, "What I really want is to sleep with her myself." Whether or not he succeeds in this objective is left to your imagination. The plot, as much as there is one, revolves around an effort by the whores to have the rent on their apartments reduced from 180 to 90 drachmas. The heroine, who is an independent operator, succeeds in leading them in a victorious campaign to get the rents lowered by the local vice king. All of this happens just as the fleet arrives in port and the sailors come pouring across the dock headed for the street of the prostitutes, who get back in business just in time for this big flow of trade.

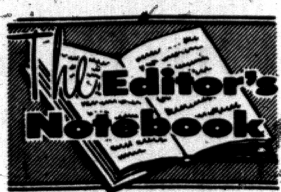
The "message" of the picture is that prostitution provides a happier way of life than old-fashioned morals.

We would like very much not to be misunderstood on this subject. The National Broadcasting Company, television station WKY and television station KVOO are great public service institutions. They have done much good in the country and in the state. They wield tremendous influence. But the showing of this film was a mistake in judgment. The airwaves belong to all the people. What is shown at a movie theater or drive-in and clearly labeled "Adult Entertainment" is entirely different from what is suitable for the home television screen.

If they are left unchallenged on this affront to public decency, how far will they go?

If you are concerned about the moral and spiritual welfare of our country and if you care at all about what kind of movies will be shown on television, please write three letters: (1) Mr. Mort Werner, National Broadcasting Co., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.; (2) Mr. Norman Bagwell, WKY-TV, 500 E. Britton Road, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and (3) Mr. Harold Stuart, KVOO-TV, Box 1349, Tulsa, Okla. In each case mark your letter "personal." Write others involved in this if you wish.

(We do not know whether the above named film appeared on Mississippi TV Programs, but other doubtful films have appeared on some of them. We suggest that you write the manager of any TV station protesting any questionable film they may show, and also thanking them when they refuse to run these "dirty" films.—Editor)



The New-Time Religion

Newsweek Magazine has read with some care the results of a poll taken among official church representatives attending the last General Assembly of the National Council of Churches in Miami. Here is what Newsweek says about top-level American Protestantism:

"Conservative critics frequently complain that the National Council of Churches is too liberal to represent main-stream American Protestantism. Are they right? Last week, the NCC released a survey of 521 clergy and laymen who attended the council's 1966 General Assembly in Miami Beach. Based on responses from 37 per cent of the voting and alternate delegates, plus 298 consultants and 'accredited visitors' at the assembly, the survey does indeed reveal a modest liberal stance.

"To be sure, nearly two-thirds firmly believe in God, and more than half—58 per cent—confidently regard Jesus as divine. Thus on at least these two fundamental points—together with the 22 per cent who temper their beliefs with only occasional doubts—the survey shows that NCC representatives are as traditional as most American churchgoers.

"But in other specific areas, NCC assemblymen seem to have jettisoned much of the old-time religion. Only one in four accepts Biblical miracles—such as the virgin birth of Jesus—as literally true. In fact, a third of the respondents believe such miracles can be explained by natural causes. The devil 'definitely' does not exist for one in three, and only 15 per cent believe that children are born into the world already guilty of sin—a doctrine basic to reformers Martin Luther and John Calvin. Finally, with something less than triumphant optimism, barely 62 per cent look forward with 'complete certainty' to a life after death."

Remember: These are the leaders of the modern "ecumenical" movement, who made up the last General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.—The Presbyterian Journal

The Baptist Forum

Thanks From Alaska Baptists

Dear Editor:

Please accept this letter of thanksgiving on behalf of all Alaska Baptists, especially those who are members of the churches of Fairbanks.

The magnitude of the response reveals the depth of compassion in the hearts of Southern Baptists everywhere. Thank you for your leadership in the development of such a great denomination.

The tremendous coverage provided through the pages of our state papers has resulted in the enlistment of needed workers, and in the soliciting

of sufficient funds for the task. I have personally come to a new and enlarged appreciation of the contribution of the state paper in the Lord's work.

When the Fairbanks project has been brought to successful completion, I shall provide you with a report of funds received and disbursed, and a summary of the work accomplished.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration during desperate days.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Hunkle, Jr.
Exec. Sec.-Treas.
Alaska Baptist Convention
Box 80
Anchorage, Alaska

ON THE MORAL SCENE
CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

Expo '67's phenomenal success has created its share of problems. Tourists complain that advertisements promising luxury accommodations are in fact luring them to dingy fleabags. Often, the tourists say, the lodgings turn out to be temporary—or don't exist at all. Already, 41 hotels have been dropped from the fair's official listings. (Newsweek, August 21, 1967)

Rep. John Moss (D-Calif.), long one of the leading Capitol Hill critics of commercial broadcasting practices, has called for another ratings investigation and repeated his plug for health warnings on radio-TV cigarette ads. He said that cigarette health warnings should be included in advertisements in all media. In his opinion, such warnings would obviate the need for the FCC's application of the fairness doctrine to cigarette commercials. (Variety, August 9, 1967)

The Evangelical Defense Commission, which represents all Protestant churches in Spain, has sent a letter to the Department of Justice announcing that Protestants will not apply for legal recognition under the nation's new religious-liberty law.

Under the law, the churches must register like secular organizations and report on membership and finances. The letter, sent in July, says this violates statements on religious freedom by the United Nations and Vatican II. The Southern Baptist mission near Bilbao was closed by police for refusal to register. (Christianity Today, September, 1967) Our six Southern Baptist seminaries had a total enrollment of 4,971 in the 1965-66 school year.

The Home Mission Board, supported by Cooperative Program giving, laid plans early in 1966 for a total mission effort to the Northeastern United States where 85 Southern Baptist churches now minister to over 60 million people.

EDUCATION
What's Happening
Education Commission, SBC

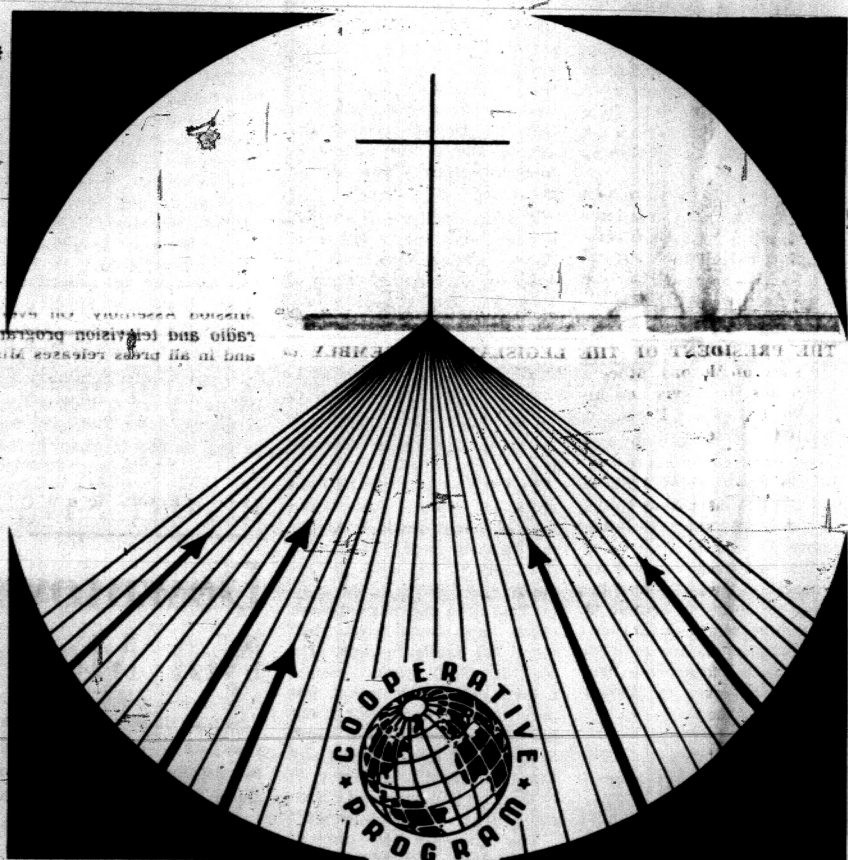
The money value of a college education has been confirmed once again by the 1966 Statistical Abstract of the United States.

The income of males 25 to 64 years old by years of school completed shows four years of college means extra lifetime earnings, on the average of \$140,000.

Annual Mean Lifetime Income
College:
4 yrs or more \$10,062 \$386,000
High School:
4 years 6,693 246,000
Difference 3,369 140,000
Where else can one invest, say, \$12,000 with reasonable assurance that it will return over 10 times the cost? Makes even freshman composition more palatable!

Of course, earnings should be nowhere near the top consideration, for one contemplating college. There is a stewardship of life involved here, also. Where money is considered, however, it is still good Christian sense to follow the ancient rule: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

A more important goal than a high earning capacity is achieving maturity. Growing up consists in the main of bringing random impulses under control and coordinating hit-or-miss activities. The mature world, whether business, professional, or technical, has no use for youths who enter it glorifying infantilism.



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The Cooperative Program has the scriptural purpose of bringing men to God, deepening spiritual life, and changing the world to conform to Christ's will.

Newest In Books

THEY CALL HIM JOURNEYMAN by Dwight Young (Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, Richmond, Va.)

In word and picture, here is the story of the missionary journeyman, 93 young people obsessed with mission. This summer the third generation of missionary journeymen trained for assignments overseas, in Israel, Nigeria, Hong Kong, South Vietnam, etc. Each will write his own story of Christian service. The author of this striking booklet is serving as an English instructor at Hong Kong Baptist College. His journeyman assignment will be completed in July, 1968.

worked out commercials for television programs and people who sold magazines could feel the responsibility for the children of our community like the sign painter at the carnival felt for me.

NIGHT SCENES OF THE BIBLE by F. E. Marsh (Baker, 131 pp., \$2.50)

Twelve messages on unique subjects, centering on night scenes of the Bible. The content of these subjects is as striking as the subjects themselves.

MARTYRDOM AND PERSECUTION IN THE EARLY CHURCH by W. H. C. Frend (Doubleday, paperback, 577 pp., \$1.95)

A study of a conflict from the Maccabees to Donatus.

THEN CAME JESUS by Clyde A. Kirby (Zondervan, 157 pp., \$3.95)

Actual life experiences in which the author, a compassionate and understanding pastor, shared the presence of the living Christ with people who had need of Him. These are deeply moving experiences. The first one tells how Jesus came and changed

the heart of the "big, mean cop." The descriptions of the scenery and of the characters are unusually vivid throughout the book.

SEARCH FOR IDENTITY by Earl Jahn (Zondervan, 150 pp., \$3.95)

This book is focused on human need and the day-to-day struggles of real people to understand themselves. The author is chaplain in the New Jersey Neuro-Psychiatric Institute at Princeton, N. J.

YOUR LITTLE ONE IS IN HEAVEN by John B. Marchbanks (Loizeaux, paperback, 75 cents, second edition)

A message of comfort to parents who have lost a small child through death.

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI by Richard Welf (Baker, paperback, 85 pp., \$1.50)

A helpful guide to the study of one of the lesser known books of the Bible.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

October 23—Mrs. Gaston Smith, faculty, William Carey College; John Stephenson, faculty, William Carey College.

October 24—Mrs. Evelyn Gordon, staff, Gilroy School of Nursing; L. M. Lanier, staff, Mississippi College.

October 25—Dr. A. A. Kitchings, faculty, Mississippi College; Joe Cobb, BSU director, Northeast Miss. Jr. College.

October 26—David Hicks, BSU director, Ole Miss.; J. Clifford Watson, faculty, Clarke College.

October 27—Mrs. Trudie B. Mills, Baptist Building; Brenda Stephens, Baptist Building.

October 28—Ben W. Gpddard, Greene-Wayne supt. of missions; Melvin G. Alford, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

October 29—Nancy Ellis, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Victor R. Vaughn, faculty, Clarke College.

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Baptists Confer At Liberty Conference

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gram of social welfare in order to win persons to a sectarian point of view, it should finance that program out of its own funds."

An almost unanimous view was expressed in the conference that "both individual Christians and churches should minister to human need." The differences arose in how this was to be done.

View Expressed

This section pointed out that the differences were based largely on varying theological viewpoints. As a result, the report said:

1. Some reject government aid completely;
2. Some say that churches and government should cooperate;
3. Some concluded that increasing government aid to church-related bodies is inevitable and desirable; and
4. Others attached conditions to government aid "when it does not infringe on the moral freedom of the individual."

The finance section concluded that "any church organization refusing tax funds for welfare work must be prepared to support fully all its responsibilities under God in meeting human needs."

During the conference, in addition to dialogue among themselves, the Baptist leaders heard three prominent government experts in the field of welfare. These in-

cluded Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Philip D. Hardberger, special assistant in the Office of Economic Opportunity, and H. Ralph Taylor, an assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

One afternoon of the conference in order to get first hand information from public authorities, three groups visited the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, the department of State and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Religious Liberty Conference this year was one of a series of three on the role of the Christian through church and state. Last year the theme was education. Next year the subject will be international relations.

The conference each year is by invitation to Baptist leaders nominated to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs by denominational agencies and leaders in its sponsoring denominations.

The Baptist Joint Committee is a denominational agency maintained in the nation's capital by the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention, Baptist General Conference, Baptist Federation of Canada, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., North American Baptist General Conference and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.



Rev. Boyd O'Neal, Southern Baptist missionary (paper in hand) is talking with Dr. William P. Davis about the crusade in the state of Alagoas. Dr. Barry Mitchell, Southern Baptist Missionary in Recife, interprets for Rev. Farnes McElhane as the President of the Baptist College talks with him about the team and student work.

A Report From Brazil

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of the Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky in July, Rev. Amelio Giannetta came to Jackson, Mississippi on July 31 to speak in some of the churches and to see me. It was then he outlined to me the efforts which had been made to enlist a team of Negro pastors to come to Brazil in September. On behalf of Brazilian Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Brother Giannetta invited me to enlist the pastors and accompany them to Brazil, arriving in Brazil on September 3, if possible. I told him that I could not do it by September 3, but I would be there on September 10. When I said, "I'll be there on September 10," I quoted the famous words of Mary McLeod Bethune and "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Then we prayed to be found in the will of God. We had God's assurance that a team would be in Brazil in September.

Moved Quickly

Without hesitation I moved quickly. There was no time to lose. I called the men, leading the churches to raise the money to send their pastors, securing all required legal documents, making international reservations for plane flight, getting permission of Dr. Quarles and the Executive Committee of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and other related details. I faced a challenge that demanded a miracle of God's grace. The miracle happened.

The team arrived in Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 10. A large delegation of Brazilian Baptist leaders met us at the airport, along with agents of all news media. That night we preached in eight churches of Sao Paulo, and in this first contact with Brazilian Baptists, and with interpreters with whom we had had no time to rehearse, 18 people professed faith in Jesus Christ and were accepted as candidates for baptism. When I gave the invitation a strange joy swept over me. I felt the living presence of the Holy Spirit. Then three men came along with a number of children. Soon it seemed that everybody was moving. The pastor held out his hand and a reverent hush swept the audience, as the notes of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" filled the church. The three men gave their experience. After the benediction, I was eager to get to the mission house where I could find out what had happened at the other churches. As the men came to the mission house, one by one, with his interpreter, each



REV. AMELIO GIANNETTA gives last minute instructions to Dr. Davis concerning the crusade in Salvador and Belo Horizonte. Dr. T. B. Brown and Rev. Fred Black are team leaders in this phase of the crusade.



THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of the state of Alagoas, Maceio, Brazil, extends greetings as he welcomes Dr. Davis and his team of Negro Baptist pastors. To the left of the President is the President of the Maceio Baptist College.

man told the same thrilling story of what wonders God had done. As soon as all had come in, we knelt on our knees and thanked God. The next day we went two by two to many parts of Brazil—to Belo Horizonte, Salvador and the state of Sao Paulo. The second week found us in Rio. The third week we worked in the city of Sao Paulo and the last week we were in Maceio and Recife. At each place by means of a mission plane and other transportation we preached from three to eight times per day for thirty days.

Have Rigid Standard

Brazilian Baptists have a rigid standard for church membership. Each candidate for baptism is asked specific questions about moral habits. Unless a candidate is willing to give up smoking and other evils, he cannot be a member of a Baptist church. During my thirty days with Brazilian Baptists I saw no smoking around the churches. The members think of themselves as "the called out of God." Their fellowship indeed is as the "body of Christ."

Not only do they refrain from the use of tobacco and other evils, they are positive in their Christian witness. Generally speaking the members are poor. Consequently the pastors preach the Gospel by the constraining love of Christ. It is impossible to describe these dedicated men of God. Somehow they remind one of Christ who went about doing good. It is not popular, neither is it a social advantage, to be a Baptist in Brazil. But Baptists in Brazil are different. They are known by their Christ-like lives. They truly believe that Christ is the only hope of the world. Because of this belief they make indescribable sacrifices to make Christ known.

Cooperative Effort

The Brazilian Baptist Conventions paid the travel and living expenses of the team members in Brazil. The crusade was a cooperative effort by Brazilian Baptists and Mississippi Baptists (both National and Southern Baptists). All long distance travel was by plane. This was very

expensive. The team members travelled about 53,000 miles in Brazil. This was the first time a team of Negro pastors had ever visited and worked with Brazilian Baptists, and it was the first time a team of preachers had gone to the churches and lived with the people. We worked with the people. We were also welcomed and received by the highest officials of Brazil.

Had it not been for the missionaries of our Foreign Mission Board, the crusade would have been impossible. Our Southern Baptist missionaries went far beyond the call of duty to make the crusade a success. A missionary went with each team member as an interpreter. Every day of the crusade I saw the worth of the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. So many times I prayed that all Mississippi Southern Baptists and National Baptists would catch a larger vision of how they can make holy ground in Brazil and in Mississippi, through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our missionaries are doing so much to hold back the rushing tide of communism. They are winning the lost to Christ. There is nothing more inspiring than to see what our mission dollar does.

As I thought about the worth of foreign missions I remembered the priority of home and state missions. What a claim these missions have on us! State and home missions, helped by the Cooperative Program, created the Mississippi Baptist Seminary that trained or enlisted all the team members. Had it not been for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary there would not have been a team of Negro Baptist pastors in Brazil. Today the prestige of Mississippi Baptist Seminary is as a beacon light in a dark night. The name and mission of Mississippi Baptist Seminary were flashed to the world over the Voice of America from Sao Paulo as Dr. T. B. Brown told the Seminary story and the story of the Sophia Sutton

Court Rejects Attack On Parochial Pupil Busing

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of the First Amendment of the Constitution. The reply of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court said that the benefits were for children and not for the schools or churches involved. Therefore, it ruled, the law is not in violation of either the Pennsylvania or the U. S. Constitutions.

The Pennsylvania court pointed out that the intent of the legislature was not to be taken lightly, that the purpose of the free bus rides was for the benefit of the children. Then in eloquent language the court said:

"In view of the peril hovering over our streets and roads" like a miasmic fog, those charged with concern for the safety of children are duty bound to devise methods and means for saving the little travelers from harm on their way to and from school.

Keep Off Roads

"Obviously the manner in which to provide these youthful wayfarers with a fair measure of protection against highway mishap is to keep them pedally off the roads and to transport them in vehicles so formidably constructed that they may ward off and parry, to the maximum extent possible, aggression from other vehicles."

"The school bus with its large heavy wheels and steel fabricated body seems to be the answer to this worrisome problem."

Pennsylvania - - -

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The fellowship voted to continue in its present form until the fall of 1969 when "a functioning general state fellowship with a central office" would be constituted as a preparatory step to the organization of a state convention in the fall of 1970.

The convention would actually not start operation until January of 1971.

Mission Assembly. On every radio and television program and in all press releases Mississippi Baptist Seminary was mentioned. This happened almost daily while we were in Brazil. People from lands afar will be coming to Mississippi to see the Seminary.

Results Seen

Some people have asked, "Did you do any good?" The visible results were gratifying, although we counted only the baptized decisions. We reported no decisions that did not meet the rigid standards of church membership. Many people made public decisions but 715 were added to the churches by baptism. Hundreds of others who came forward may be received by the churches later.

The National Baptist pastors preached Christ crucified, dead, buried and raised from the dead as man's only Saviour and the only Hope of the world. They told how Mississippi Southern Baptists and Mississippi-National Baptists have worked together for 25 years. So many times they thanked God for their churches and for Mississippi Southern Baptists. I was proud to be a member of the team.

I am grateful to God, to Dr. Quarles, and to the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for making it possible for me to tell Mississippi Baptists this great story of God's mighty work in Brazil. To God be the glory!

The court then said: "Despite the wondrous flexibility of the English language it is still difficult to see how one can conclude that placing children on a school bus establishes a religion."

The Pennsylvania court relied heavily on the 1947 Everson case in which the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of public reimbursement to parents for costs involved in getting their children to parochial schools.

Both the Everson and the Pennsylvania cases were premised on the "child benefit theory" which holds that public aid can be given to parochial school children without violating the principles of separation of church and state.

This is the basis of much federal legislation, as well as state laws, that provide such benefits as health services, food programs, free textbooks and other aids to pupils in nonpublic schools.

Possible effects of this most recent Supreme Court action in allowing the Pennsylvania decision to stand without contest, in the opinion of some observers, could be:

1. To stimulate efforts in other states and communities to provide free bus transportation for nonpublic school pupils;
2. To establish the child benefit theory more firmly in American law;
3. To help clarify the limits beyond which aids through the child benefit theory may not extend;
4. To relocate the busing controversy from the federal to the state and local levels; and
5. To make it more difficult to challenge in the courts many federal and state fringe benefits to pupils in parochial schools.

The 8-1 decision of the Supreme Court not to review the Pennsylvania case "for want of a substantial federal question" could be interpreted as an indication of the direction the court might go if a judicial review bill is enacted into law and if federal programs are challenged on the ground that the child benefit theory is unconstitutional.

Seminary's 50th Year

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Founders Week ceremonies there October 3-6, McClellan said a new man is emerging in America and our churches must find new ways of speaking to him. The old methodology and dead vocabulary are as foreign to him as Chaucer is to us, McClellan declared.

This new man has grown up in a time of wealth, education, atomic power, and city psychology. Through television he has vicariously traveled everywhere and experienced everything. He is action oriented. He is displeased with conditions in the world.

The occasion for McClellan's address was the beginning of the Golden Anniversary Year celebration at the Seminary. During the week of celebration, October 3-6, a series of events marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Seminary there. A new Baptist Book Store was dedicated, alumni from several states attended continuing education classes, and honored guests from across the nation were present during the week.

Downtown Churches

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52 per cent of the pastors describe their visitation programs as "unsuccessful to a marked degree."

In 67.9 per cent of the churches, pastors indicated that the church's facilities are either not open to the community "except on rare or unusual or special occasions" or "only on certain days."

More than half, 53.7 per cent, of the churches serve an area 10 miles or more in radius and 75 per cent serve a radius of seven miles or more.

In addition, 45 per cent of the pastors indicated that less than 20 per cent of their additions had come from a one-mile radius, and over 62 per cent stated that less than 30 per cent of their additions had come from this radius.

"The church is reaching those who do not fall under the description of economic difficulties," the report stated. "This would indicate 'selective evangelism.'"

"It would seem that the local geographic community is being neglected while the church's evangelistic thrust is extended to other areas and people," the report said.

Other sections of the report indicated statistically that the churches were not reaching people who live in high rise apartments, or senior adults.



Mrs. Doris Monroe

Series Training

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Union Department; Primary, Mark Moore, director Primary - Junior Work, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson; Beginner, Mrs. James B. Mitchell, Columbia, S. C., approved worker; nursery, Miss Evelyn George, associate in Training Union Department.

Each conference will be held from 9:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with nursery facilities available also.

The schedule follows: Oct. 30—First Baptist Church, Leland; Oct. 31—North Oxford; Nov. 1—First, West Point; Nov. 2—Temple, Hattiesburg; Nov. 3—Ridgecrest, Jackson.

TV 'Dirty' - - -

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and the television stations that broadcast the movie "are great public service institutions," the editorial said that the showing of this film "was a mistake in judgment."

"The airwaves belong to all the people," Gritz wrote. "What is shown at a movie theater or drive-in and clearly labeled 'Adult Entertainment' is entirely different from what is suitable for the home television screen."

Gritz concluded the editorial with a plea for concerned persons to write protest letters to television station managers and to Mort Werner, National Broadcasting Co., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York.

Wallace Johnson

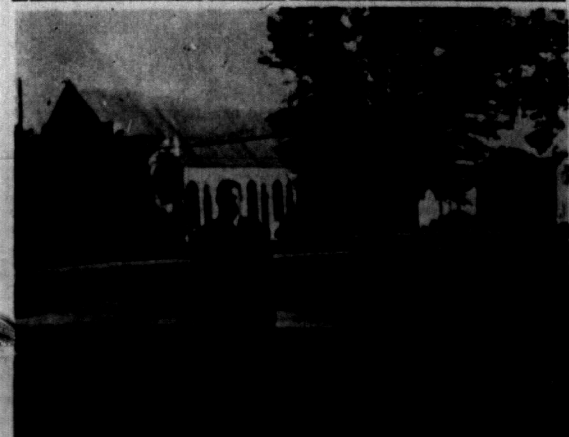
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er corporations and head of a fast-growing firm called Medcenters of America, Inc., which builds medical centers providing treatment for patients who do not need hospital care but who are too ill to remain at home.

Johnson and his wife have also set up a foundation for humanitarian causes which has helped churches and hospitals, and aided young men and women to obtain an education.

The award was presented during National Bible Week sponsored by the Laymen's National Committee, and during the Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society, Oct. 15-Nov. 23.

A branch of the Palm Beach Junior College is planned for the area, he said. The board voted to switch the Baptist college to a junior-senior level institution if the Graham proposal doesn't work out.



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November 1	West Point, First
November 2	Temple, Hattiesburg
November 3	Ridgecrest, Jackson

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Church In Florence Is Restored Again

By Patsy Lawton

Even before we came to the sign, "Entrance Free," we saw the piles of gravel, stacks of tile, sacks of sand, mud-covered boards. Other cement-soiled boards, nailed together, kept people out of the only Baptist church in Florence, Italy.

Just three months earlier I had thumbtacked on a bulletin board at the Italian Baptist theological seminary, Rivoli, a letter from the pastor of this church—a letter written "after the flood" of November, 1966. Floors, ceiling, walls, and pews had been scrubbed and repaired, plumbing cleaned or replaced, walls painted, floors waxed, hymnbooks salvaged.

On August 4, I went to see the "salvaged" church and found the entrance barricaded, the mosaic floor broken up, plumbing dug out, columns dangling, pews stacked high in the balcony, men with pipes, shovels, cement. What had happened? What was happening?

The exquisite little church, so lovely in its simplicity that the Italian government has classified it a national monument; probably had no plumbing at all when it was built in 1900 as the "Teatro dell'Arti" where actors performed ad lib.

Hong Kong College Enrolls Over 1,700

Hong Kong Baptist College began its 12th annual session September 16 with an enrollment of more than 1,700.

In a convocation at Kowloon City Baptist Church, Dr. Lam Chi Fung, president, reminded faculty, staff, students, and guests that the aim of the school is to spread the Christian spirit and to develop fine character and profound scholarship as it prepares young men and women to serve God and their fellowmen.

Visiting lecturers at the college this year include Dr. Frank C. Laubach, renowned literacy expert. He will teach literacy journalism and an evening course for people of the community who wish to become acquainted with and trained in his methods.

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CRESTWOOD CHURCH, JACKSON MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Crestwood church in Jackson started last Sunday with two of the oldest living pastors preaching. Rev. B. W. Hudson preached Sunday Morning and Rev. A. S. Johnston preached Sunday Night.

This Sunday, October 22, at 9:45 during the Sunday School hour, Rev. J. C. Renfro will speak. In the 11:00 morning service Rev. Robert Martin will preach and at 1:30 in the afternoon Rev. Gordon Sansing will bring the message. In the evening worship service at 7:30, Rev. R. B. Patterson will be speaking.

Dinner will be served on the grounds and the church is cordially inviting all friends and former members to attend these services.

The church has had an eventful history.

A tent revival meeting held in 1907, in the 1200 block of Bailey Avenue and led by Rev. W. A. Brown, then pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, served as a spark that ultimately led to the organization of Davis Memorial Baptist Church, now Crestwood Baptist Church.

The spark was not fanned until the spring of 1917, although several attempts had been made to conduct a Sunday school, but because of the lack of an adequate meeting place efforts were short lived. On the afternoon of April 1, 1917, a small group of men and women, along with Rev. Brown, met at the home of Bro. J. B. Wright, on Bailey Avenue, to consider definitely the matter of church organization and the construction of a house of worship.

A sum of \$400.00 was subscribed at this meeting and soon \$1,150.00 had been received from the people in the Bailey Avenue area. An additional gift of \$1,000.00 was made by Mrs. W. J. Davis,

provided the church would be named Davis Memorial Baptist Church. The State Convention Board appropriated \$500.00 to assist in the construction of the church building and the daughter of Mr. Davis contributed an additional \$500.00.

With these funds and much enthusiasm, it was felt that the time had come to begin construction of the church building. A lot for the building had been purchased about 3 years earlier for the church, but it alone was not large enough for the project. This problem was happily solved when Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Wright donated a nice lot adjoining the one already acquired. This provided adequate room for the church building and a pastor's home.

At a meeting on October 18, 1917, the church was organized with a total of 86 charter members.

The Rev. T. J. Blass served as the first pastor of the small but exceedingly active church.

In its fifty year history the church has been served by thirteen different pastors. The names of the pastors and tenures of service are listed below.

Crestwood had a tremendous growth during the 1940s. The Sunday School attendance and the total church membership more than doubled between 1948 and 1949. This was during Rev. Gordon Sansing's ministry. Lots across the street from the original site were purchased during Rev. A. S. Johnston's ministry.

In 1961 the new auditorium was completed and occupied on the new property. The name of the church was changed from Davis Memorial to Crestwood Baptist Church. This took place while Rev. L. Gordon Sansing was pastor. It was during that year that the membership was nearly 1800 and the average Sunday School attendance was 600.

Since that year our church has experienced a decline. This has been due to two factors. First, the Baptist Children's Village, to which the church had ministered for several years was removed. And secondly, the movement to the newly established suburbs began about 1958. The area to which the church is now ministering is more of a downtown type. Commercialization of the area has driven many people to other areas of the city.

The little church that began as Davis Memorial 50 years ago with 86 charter members now has a membership of 1262 of which 859 are resident members.

The community offers great possibilities for evangelism and enlistment which can only be estimated in the terms of the power of God. The church is trying to adjust to a changing community and has begun a Child-Day Care and a Kindergarten ministry. It is also seeking to render a ministry to the senior citizens and to the underprivileged. Three valuable, adjacent pieces of property have been purchased recently to help make these ministries possible. The future then, will be largely determined by the faith of her members.

Pastors who have served: Rev. Blass, 1917-1919; Madison Flowers, 1919-1922; B. W. Hudson, 1922-1925; D. H. Waters, 1925-1927; R. D. Patterson, 1927-1930; J. E. Cranford, 1930-1935; Lee McGowan, 1935-1938; A. S. Johnston, 1938-1949; L. Gordon Sansing, 1949-1963; A. B. Pierce, 1963-1964; Robert W. Martin, 1965-1966; J. C. Renfro, 1966-1967; G. A. McCoy, 1967.

Baylor Youth Dies In Pledge Initiation

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Administration officials at Baylor University here have warned social service clubs to exercise more caution in pledge activity after a student died and two others suffered injuries during separate initiations.

Dead is John Everett Clifton, a 19-year-old sophomore from Crosby, Tex. Local authorities ruled his death accidental this week. He was being initiated into the Baylor Chamber of Commerce, a service club, along with nine other pledges when he collapsed.

Earlier, Delta Delta Gamma pledges Steve Kent, Shreveport, La., and Kerry Caughran, Scottsdale, Ariz., suffered minor injuries. Both youth allegedly reported their injuries were accidental and not the result of other members.

President Abner V. McCall immediately announced a ban on all physical initiations.

"We will observe at this time that for the past few years the university administration with the support of Student Congress has been trying to eliminate physical hazing from club initiations," said McCall.

"Some of the men's clubs have maintained some of the milder physical aspects of the initiations such as calisthenics and the drinking of distasteful concoctions. We shall continue our policy until we eliminate all such club initiations practices at Baylor," added McCall.

Justice of the Peace Joe Johnson said Clifton's death was caused by "aspirational asphyxiation."

"This means the victim drowned in his own juices," said Johnson. "He could have drowned either on vomit, or the juices from some of the stuff he had been given." He said Clifton had been given five different kinds of laxative, and garlic.

Stephenson Is Nominated To Virginia Post

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Richard M. Stephenson of Falls Church, Va., has been nominated by the executive board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia as its new executive secretary. The board's unanimous recommendation will be acted on by the state General Association at its annual meeting, November 14-16, in Alexandria, Va.

Stephenson, age 45, is a native of Virginia, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been pastor of the Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, for seventeen years. Lucius M. Polhill retires December 31st as the present executive secretary, having served in the position 13 years.



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Midwestern Seminary Marks Anniversary

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here observed its tenth anniversary, hearing a challenge from the top executive of the Southern Baptist Convention to live up to the purpose for which the seminary was founded.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville, challenged the young school to effectively train men and women for the ministry in a secular age.

Earlier, Routh had outlined the purposes of the six theological seminaries which Southern Baptists operate.

He was the principal speaker for the week-long Tenth Anniversary Celebration at Midwestern Seminary here.

The seminary was officially inaugurated on May 29, 1957, during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, Ill. First classes were held starting in September of 1958. Millard Berquist is president of the seminary.

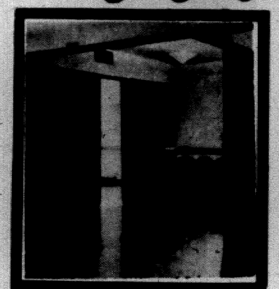
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all-knowing God. The people were guilty of manifold transgressions and mighty sins—that is, they were exceedingly wicked. The word of Amos seems to suggest a haughty and careless abandon to the ways of evil. One needs only to read the larger Bible lesson for the exposition of these two verses. Reference is made to persecution, greed, injustice, robbery, violence, ingratitude, rebellion, drunkenness, hypocrisy, violence, and stubborn indifference. The nation was morally corrupt and spiritually bankrupt, though, for a time, experiencing a high degree of material prosperity. God had sent catastrophe and calamity in special visitations of judgment, but the people refused to hearken to his efforts to call them to repentance and to awaken in them reverential devotion and true fidelity.

Divine Entreaty
5:14-15

Through Amos, God pleaded with his people to repent. The admonition to "seek good, and not evil" emphasizes the moral obligation resting upon every person. Man is responsible; he must make a choice between good and evil. God's will for mankind is goodness—uprightness, truthfulness, kindness, cleanness, and unselfishness. The course of wisdom is to hate evil and flee from it, to love good and pursue it. Had the people of Israel been responsive to God's entreaty, he would have been gracious toward them to forgive them and to preserve them. True repentance would have resulted in justice and kindness toward their fellowmen and in true worship toward God. The urgency of God's call to repentance rings out in the present time. If people will hearken to God, he will mightily save.

Indulgence, Debauchery, Rain
6:1-4

The people of Israel were given over to the love of luxury and ease. They had a false sense of security, thinking Samaria was impregnable. With indifference to impending disaster, the people whiled away the time on beds of ivory and elegant couches, feasting sumptuously on lamb and steak, singing idle songs without meaning, and devising for themselves instruments of entertainment. The debauchery of drunkenness followed, as the people consumed wine in bowls, which suggests not only excessive quantity but also the sacrilegious use of holy vessels. The finest of oils and perfumes fitted the spirit of revelry. Luxury, debauchery, and pleasure utterly destroyed mercy and compassion toward other persons. The people felt no grief or concern for the burden and affliction of those in distress.

God was left no alternative but the execution of judgment. Amos announced the coming captivity and the destruction of Israel. The city of Samaria would be delivered over to enemies. God hated the pride of his faithless people. They brought upon themselves the ruin of divine judgment.

Truths to Live By
Nothing is hid from God.

He knows completely our human situation; he knows the ways and deeds of every person, everywhere. No dishonesty, no lie, no word of slander, no failure to do one's duty, no deed of lust, and no cruel act of hate or violence can be hidden from God. But the inspiring aspect of this truth is positive. We have no reason to desire to be hidden from God. We ought to rejoice to be always in his knowledge, for this means to be in the care of the Heavenly Father. He knows us, and he loves us in spite of our unworthiness. He knows us, and he keeps us according to his wisdom and for his glory.

Man has an amazing inclination toward wickedness. How stubbornly rebellious and perverse the people of Israel were! To use human terms, we would say that God tried every way he knew to turn the people of Israel a way from rebellion. The unregenerate person loves evil and is inclined toward the ways of

By Bill Duncan
Deut. 14:22-29; 2 Corinthians 9
One's gift to God should represent his devotion to God. However, the size of one's gift



will not always show the extent of his devotion. God, of course, is able to see the spirit of the giver when mere humans cannot. I am always amazed at how people resent talks upon tithing and stewardship of possessions. However, this is the most needed discussion in our day. We have been greatly blessed with material possessions, and yet we still lack so much in showing our gratefulness toward God with our gifts. Because we are ungrateful to God, we cannot receive the true benefits of worship.

God Commanded It
Deut. 14:22-29

In the law that Moses received from God, the children of Israel were commanded to respond to God with gifts of gratitude. The command is seen in Verse 22, "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed." This command speaks of a certain amount that was to be given. The reason for this command is seen in Verse 23, "that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always." The people had to be taught about God and His nature by means of discipline. This was seen in the extreme punishment of the law for those who disobeyed. It is also stated that if the children of Israel would share with one another then they would receive a blessing from the experience and from God.

It must also be noted that God commanded provision for those who lived away from the central place of worship. No excuse could be given for not showing gratitude to God. Just as the law was given to help the children, so this one is given to help the children of today.

If our attitude is wrong toward our money and possessions, then our attitude toward God will be wrong. If we will obey God as the Lord, we will see the true blessing of God when we give.

Grace Demands It
II Corinthians 9

If the children of Israel should give gifts of gratitude because the law commanded it, then we who are under grace should give more. In Verse 8 we read, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." God has enriched us liberally with material things. We should understand that Verse 15 speaks of the unspeakable gift—Jesus.

sin. Man's perversity of spirit and corrupt of mind and heart can be changed only by the grace of God. But man, perverse as he is in unbelief, can respond to the call of God's Spirit and repent; he can humble himself before God and ask for forgiveness. And through the grace of God in Jesus Christ, the sinner can become a saint and experience the power of righteousness.

Self-indulgence and the love of ease will destroy the bright potential in life. — We live in a luxury-loving, pleasure-pursuing age. So many persons, as they begin to earn high wages or large salaries and gain status, find themselves ensnared by the love of things. Simple ways of life are forgotten. Life turns more and more around secular entertainment—trips, around parties and dining, and around absorption with "living it up." This kind of life is a deadly enemy to the practice of prayer, joy in worship, service through the church, concern for lost persons, and personal sacrifices to work for moral health and social justice in a community. The finer qualities of life are destroyed by self-interest. When things become more important than virtues and when pleasure provides more satisfaction than helping persons in trouble, something dangerous is taking place in a person's life—so far as he himself is concerned and so far as the service of Christ is concerned.

Paul was reminding the children of what God had done for them in order to get them to be generous in their mission gifts to the poor of Jerusalem.

Because of the grace of God we should feel more the need for larger gifts to him. Grace speaks of undeserved gifts that reflect the extent of God's love. We could never give enough to make a bargain with God. Therefore, God pours upon us the unmerited favor—exceeding grace. This is in order to win us and cause us to love him. How can we show our love to him? One way is to live a grateful life, and this will include an unselfish heart. We should be generous and grateful in our giving, even more than tithing. Grace says we will not keep books on our gifts to God but give all we can. We will not be willing just to give 10% of our income to God.

If we worship right, then we must give right. Verse 7 says, "We should not give grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loves a man who is happy to give." Our gifts to God will always speak of our response to Him in love and suffering.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Hickory Church, Newton: Oct. 1-6; Rev. Harold Ishee, pastor of Plainway Church, Laurel, evangelist; Hubert Valentine of Clarke College, led the music; there were 8 professions of faith, and about 25 rededications. Rev. H. L. Davis is pastor.

Faith Church, Leake Assn., reports 7 baptisms and a number of rededications. Rev. Joe Holcomb was the evangelist. All gifts (\$436.00) went to the building fund. Rev. Wesley Higginbotham is pastor.



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Jimmie Dee Garrard, Sr.

CALVARY LICENSES PREACHER

Jimmie Dee Garrard, Sr. was licensed to the gospel ministry on September 27, by Calvary Church, Meridian, Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor. Mr. Garrard, who has been employed by the Life of Georgia Insurance Company for the last several years, has in the past served as Sunday school teacher, RA counselor, Sunday school superintendent, and chairman of deacons.

He attended Meridian Junior College. After his surrender to preach, he enrolled in Clarke College.

He is married to the former Ruby Jean Harbour. They have two children, Stephanie, 2, and Jimmie, Jr., nine weeks. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Garrard, are also members of Calvary.

Rev. Charles King Injured In Wreck

Rev. Charles King, pastor of Hopewell Church, Copiah County, was in an auto wreck Aug. 20.

He was seriously hurt and will be unable to fill the pulpit until January.

He wants to thank his friends for their interest. He now resides in Jackson at 1553 David Drive. He is at home and friends may call him there.

Know thyself; all wisdom centers there.

GRAHAM SCHOOL MAY LOCATE IN FLORIDA

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (RNS) — The trustees of Florida Baptist College, an institution in the planning stages here, voted to recommend to the Florida Baptist Convention that the college be dissolved if Evangelist Billy Graham selects the site for his suggested Bible-oriented university.

More than \$837,000 has been pledged to the Southern Baptist college, and nearly \$190,000 is invested in various financial institutions. The college is tentatively scheduled to open in 1969.

Dr. Jess C. Moody, chairman of the board of trustees, said contributors would be given the opportunity to transfer their gifts to the Graham university or have the money returned.

"We are all working together for the same purpose," said Dr. Moody. "Therefore the Florida Baptist College would certainly step aside and let Dr. Graham build a great university here."

Mr. Graham revealed recently that he is considering establishing a university designed to train evangelists

and other religion specialists, including religious journalists.

The evangelist said sites in 17 cities have been offered for such a school. A decision on the school, whose plant alone would cost \$50 million to build, would be made before Christmas, said Mr. Graham.

Cost \$50 Million
The cost of \$50 million is more than the Florida college trustees had envisioned, said Dr. Moody.

Correction
Of Address

J. G. Allen of Horn Lake writes us that Miss Elaine Cannon, whose picture appeared in the Sept. 28 issue, is from Horn Lake, Miss., and not White Station, as stated in the outline. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Cannon, and her father is pastor of First Church, Horn Lake. Elaine and her twin sister, Emily, are graduates of Blue Mountain, and, according to Mr. Allen, were known as the "Singing Cannons from Blue Mountain."

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Two of the many fine conference leaders are Mrs. James B. Mitchell, Approved Beginner worker, South Carolina Training Union Department, and Mark Moore, Director of Primary-Junior Work, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson.



Mrs. James B. Mitchell



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SIGN HONOR CODE—Patsy Henry, right, Memphis, President of the Student Government Association, tells Patricia Callahan, left, of Houston, and Haven Hill, Holly Springs, about the Blue Mountain College Honor Code. Misses Callahan and Hill, both freshmen, are among the 142 new students at the Baptist affiliated college who pledged to abide by the rules code.



THREE FROM TROY AT CLARKE—Among the students in Clarke College from Alabama are these young women from the Alabama Baptist Children's Home at Troy, R. H. Shirey, Superintendent. From left: Virginia Smith, Greta Nicastro, and Martha Finley. All are '67 high school graduates. Greta is 19, Virginia and Martha 18. Martha's major is music-voice; Greta and Virginia are majoring in business education.



REV. JULIAN WEST and wife Pat were recently honored at a special appreciation service, marking their third anniversary with the Houka Baptist Church. The meeting was held in the fellowship hall of the church. Gifts and red roses were presented the honorees by Mrs. H. M. Roberts, WMU president.

DAUPHIN WAY CHURCH, MOBILE, SAFE ROBBED TWO TIMES

MOBILE, Ala. (BP)—For the second time in five weeks, the Dauphin Way Baptist Church here, one of the largest in the Southern Baptist Convention, was robbed by safe crackers.

An estimated \$8,300 was taken from the church safe by burglars, authorities reported.

Five weeks earlier, the church was robbed of about \$7,000. In both cases, the money primarily included amounts given in Sunday offerings.

Officers said burglars entered the church by prying open a door, and used a torch to open the safe. Entry was gained the same way on both occasions.



Miss Dena White



Billy Blanks

TWO SURRENDER THEIR LIVES

TWO YOUNG PEOPLE from the Temple Church in Jackson have surrendered for full time Christian service. Miss Dena White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. White, has surrendered to service as a Home Missionary. Billy Blanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blanks, has been licensed to the full gospel ministry. Rev. Howard Scarborough is pastor.

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Mrs. John B. Lane

Norman Rodgers

REVIVAL DATES

Temple Church, Jackson: Oct. 22-27, 8:30 each night. Rev. Fred Tarpley, Evangelist; B. E. Herrington, song leader; Rev. Howard Scarborough, pastor.

Clary Church, Hoover Lake (Rankin Co.): Oct. 22-29; Rev. Vance Dyess of Star Church, evangelist; Jay White, music minister; Rev. Dale Holloway is pastor. There will be a lakeside service Sunday night at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 22, led by Rev. Shalley Vaughn.

OAK GROVE CHURCH, Meridian: Oct. 22-29; services conducted by pastor, Rev. Ernest Rockwell; music director, Pat Jones; organist, Mrs. T. C. Jewell; pianist, Mrs. Henry Jones; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; nursery open evenings.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton: Oct. 29 - Nov. 5; Rev. Hardy R. Denham, pastor, First Church, Ellisville, evangelist; Robert Spencer, Clinton, music director; worship services 10:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor.

Emmanuel, Starkville: October 30-November 5; Jimmy Jones, Parkway, Jackson, evangelist; music directed by Dr. William Welch; services 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., usual time on Sunday; Rev. Clayton C. Bath, pastor.

Trinity, Laurel: October 22-27; Rev. Charles Damper, First Church, Leakesville, evangelist; Wayne Meeks, music director; Mrs. Winston Lyon, pianist; Rev. Gene Fant, pastor.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, supported by the Cooperative Program, produced a series of six dramatic segments depicting the resurrection of Christ which were distributed to over 1,000 stations in the United States during the Easter season in 1966.



Rev. J. M. Foy, Jr.

FIRST, SOSO CALLS PASTOR

Rev. John M. Foy, Jr., has accepted a call as pastor of First Church, Soso. For the past eight years the Foy's have been living in Port Neches, Texas, where he served as pastor of the Central Church.

Mr. Foy is a graduate of Clarke College, University of Southern Mississippi, and New Orleans Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Covington County, Miss., Soso, and Port Sulphur, La., before going to Texas.

He is a native of Mississippi and is married to the former Ida Lou Coulter of Laurel. They are the parents of two children, John III and Sylvia.



Rev. Dan Jones

NEW HOPE CALLS JONES

Rev. Dan Jones has accepted the pastorate of the New Hope Church of Leakesville. He assumed his duties September 24.

For the past year Mr. Jones has served as pastor of the Denham Church of Waynesboro. He attended Clarke Col-

Music Teachers To Meet On Carey Campus

The thirteenth annual convention of the Mississippi Music Teachers Association will be held on the campus of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, October 20 and 21. There will be auditions of promising students, concerts and clinics for music teachers during the meeting.

This year the group will be honored by a visit of Dr. Willis Ducrest, President of the national parent organization, The Music Teachers National Association, who will address the group on Saturday morning. Miss Celia Mae Bryant, a Vice-President of M.T.N.A., from the University of Oklahoma, a well-known music clinician and teacher will also address the Convention on Saturday.

Auditions will be held for college level musicians, the finalists appearing in concert with the Jackson Symphony.

A special event of the Convention will be the performance of the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Werner Torkanowsky. The William Carey College Choral, Donald Winters, Director, will appear with the Symphony in Verdi's Te Deum.

Sale Of Mixed Drinks Legalized In Nashville

NASHVILLE (RNS)—Nashville residents voted here to end a 58-year-old ban against the sale of mixed drinks in restaurants.

A special referendum saw voters endorse such sales by a count of 47,214 to 36,253. The city thus became the first Tennessee city to legalize liquor by the drink since Prohibition.

lege during 1964 and 1965. He attended William Carey during 1966, and is presently a senior there. He will receive his B. A. degree at the end of the summer session, 1967. Jones is a native of Phenix City, Ala.

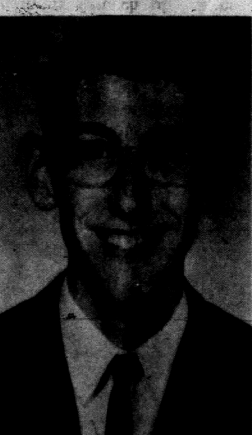
Tennessee Board Votes To Move Office Building

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention voted here to purchase 6½ acres of land in Brentwood, Tenn., a suburb of Nashville, on which to build a new office building.

The property is located about 10 miles south of downtown Nashville just off Interstate 65 and U. S. Highway 31.

Earlier this year, the convention had secured property on Belmont Boulevard near their present location at Belmont College, but the Nashville Metro Zoning Commission would not approve zoning regulations permitting the construction.

W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary - treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board said he was pleased with the new property in Brentwood, but added "it is regrettable that we were forced to move from Nashville."



GLENN BIEN, minister of music at Mt. Zion Church, Independence, (Tate County), and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bien, Route 2, Coldwater, has surrendered his life to mission work and is available to give his testimony, and to speak as a supply layman. Native of Memphis, he moved to Independence in 1964. In high school, he was a basketball star and was valedictorian of the senior class. He is now a freshman at Northwest Junior College.



THE TWO BIBLE TEACHERS shown above recently attained recognition for the completion of 100 books in the Church Study Course system. Wade A. Kennedy and Mrs. D. N. Day both teach in Adult Sunday School Department No. Three of First Church, Magee. Mrs. Day has been a Sunday School teacher for 30 years. Mr. Kennedy has taught more than 50 years. These teachers maintain a constant example of faithful attendance and visitation. Setting records is not new to Adult Sunday school work in the Magee Church. In 1934 the Adult department of the Sunday School received Standard Recognition. It is believed that for that year it was the only standard Adult Department in the Southern Baptist Convention. The standard has been maintained for most of the intervening years. Many hundreds of book awards are held by members of Adult Department Three. Rev. Mel Craft is pastor.

DEVOTIONAL The Secret Of Endurance

By Harold D. Scott, pastor, Byhalia Church

Many years ago I watched two animals in a fight. As I watched I noticed one was smaller than the other, but it was winning. When the larger animal turned to run away, the smaller one walked a few feet and there I saw the secret of her endurance. She had been fighting to protect her young.

Simon Peter in writing to the early Christians reminded them of their standing with God in Christ Jesus. He pointed this out to help these Christians to endure the hardships they were facing. He spoke of their present standing and the future glory that was theirs.

These early Christians were being persecuted. How were they to take this? On their journey through this world to eternity they were protected by the power of God through faith. Simon Peter says they can endure because God protects them. God stands guard over them. The man who has faith never doubts, even when he cannot see, for God is keeping watch over his own. God does not save us from the troubles of life; it is He that enables us to bear them, conquer them, and march on.

Not only are we protected now but there is a final salvation or final deliverance revealed at the last time. Peter told of a coming time when there would be a deliverance from danger, deliverance from disease, deliverance from condemnation, and deliverance from sin. All of this is what the Christian looks forward to at the end of time.

Simon Peter gives three reasons why the early Christians could endure anything that might come upon them.

I. ENDURANCE BECAUSE OF WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS. At the end of the earthly life there is an inheritance. At the end of this life, there is for them life and joy with God. For the Christian, persecution, trouble, and affliction is not the end; beyond these, there lies the glory; and in the hope of that glory the Christian can endure anything that life brings.

II. ENDURANCE BECAUSE EVERY TRIAL IS A TEST. Before gold is pure, it has to be tried, tested, and purified in fire. The trials which come to a man are tests of his faith. Out of them his faith can emerge stronger and clearer. In this world, trial and affliction were not meant to take the strength out of us, but to put strength into us.

III. ENDURANCE BECAUSE OF THE PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR JESUS' APPEARANCE WILL BRING. The Christian makes the greatest effort and does his best work, not for pay and not for profit, but in order to see the light in someone's eyes, and to hear someone's word of praise. These things mean more to the Christian than anything else in the world. Christians can face anything in the knowledge that some day they will hear their Saviour say, "Well done."

In summary, here then, are the reasons we can endure when life is hard and faith is difficult. We can endure because of what we can look forward to: we can endure because at the end of life Jesus Christ is waiting to say, "Well done!" to all His faithful servants.

Blue Mountain To Present 'American Dame'

Miss Feriel Forbus, director of the Department of Speech at Blue Mountain College, announces that the fall production for the current session will be "THE AMERICAN DAME," by Phillip C. Lewis.

Off The Record

A report on occupational health published recently says that dislike of the boss is the reason why many employees take a day off. It says nothing about the employer who stays away because he just cannot stand the sight of his staff.

"You know," said the man as he reached for his second helping of dessert, "I've got to watch my waistline."

"How lucky you are," said the second man, "to have it right out there where you can."

Poise is the ability to be ill at ease naturally.

A janitor in a big city bank was sweeping the floor after banking hours when a telephone rang on an officer's desk. He took the receiver and said, "Hello," whereupon an excited voice demanded, "I want to know what the Federal Reserve Bank discount rate is, what the prime-paper rate is, and if all this foreign traveling is going to upset our currency."

"Mr.," said the confused janitor, "I told you all I know about the banking business when I said 'hello.'"

Dear Sir: Please send me my money back. After taking six cans of yore corn sirup, my feet aren't any better than they were.

Foreign Aid — Two transport drivers were taking a cargo into Canada for the first time. Late in the evening, they stopped at a large town, parked their truck and entered a diner. A waitress approached them.

"What town is this?" asked one of the drivers.

"Saskatoon, Saskatchewan," sang out the waitress.

The driver turned to his companion and exclaimed: "Now we're in a real mess. They don't even speak English here!"—Cheer

I CAN'T SING
I never sing at church. Even if I know the song The congregation carries one tune; So the one I carry must be wrong.
—The Christian



Steve Tucker

Mt. Zion Gives Awards For Attendance

Steve Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tucker, Rt. 2, Florence, was awarded an attendance pin for eight years of perfect Sunday school attendance, by the Mt. Zion Church in Rankin County, on Sunday, October 1.

Rev. Johnye Jones, pastor, and Maude Cleveland each received a pin for five years of perfect attendance.

Several other members of the Sunday school received awards for from one to three years of perfect attendance.

Paul Truitt Mem. Presents Awards For Attendance

On Sunday, October 1, Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Rankin County, recognized eighteen persons who had achieved one or more years of perfect Sunday school attendance.

Mr. Johnie Whitley had the longest record with 20 years of perfect attendance.

Mrs. John Whitley had not missed a Sunday in 19 years.

Mrs. Rose Whitley and Miss Michele Whitley each had five years without absence.

Five persons had not missed in four years, three in three years, three in two years, and three in one year.

Each of those making the record, received a perfect attendance award.